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2. Assignment of the inventors' rights in present patent application serial number 09/459,522 to Ballard Medical Products is evidenced by an assignment document which has been recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 010643, Frame 0806.

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1. Ballard Medical Products is also the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in and to copending U.S. patent application serial number 09/471,317 filed on December 23, 1999 for "Endotracheal Catheter and Manifold Assembly with Improved Seal and Valve".
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2. Ballard Medical Products hereby agrees that any patent granted upon present U.S. patent application serial number 09/459,522 shall be enforceable only for and during such period that the legal title to such patent shall be the same as the legal title to copending U.S. patent application serial number 09/471,317 and any patent(s) issuing therefrom. This agreement shall run with any patent granted upon present U.S. patent application serial number 09/459,522 and shall be binding upon Ballard Medical Products, its successors and/or assigns.

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Fee

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The undersigned is an attorney of record in the present application having serial number 09/459,522.

Respectfully submitted,

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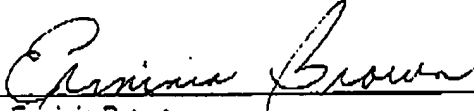
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